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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 175 to 216 remain in this application. Claims 1 to 174 have been canceled without prejudice to subsequent revival. Claims 175 to 216 have been added. Certain claims have been canceled for the purpose of advancing the case toward allowance and differences between the presently pending claims and the canceled claims should not be viewed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant believes this amendment includes no new matter.

The Examiner objects to the disclosure of the specification citing certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to comply with the Examiner's comments.

The Examiner objects to claims 129 to 134 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. In response to the Examiner's comments, claim 133 has been re-written in independent form and claims 129 to 132 and 134 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejects claims 148 to 155 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant traverses the rejection. However, claims 148 to 155 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection unnecessary.

The Examiner rejects claims 88 to 96, 121, 123 to 132, 134 and 148 to 155 as being anticipated under 35 USC 102. Applicant traverses the rejection. However, the specified claims have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection unnecessary.

The Examiner indicates that claims 122 and 133 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant presents herein new claims 175 to 196 which applicant believes complies with the Examiner's directions and are therefore allowable. Applicant also presents claims 197 to 216 which applicant believes also comply with the Examiner's comments and are allowable.

If any issues remain to be addressed in this matter, which might be resolved by

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discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicants' undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

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